

Senate Resolution 1220

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Powell of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Police Chief Johnny Shuman on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Police Chief Johnny Shuman is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and
4 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
5 sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Shuman has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
7 energy for 14 years as Police Chief of the City of Swainsboro, making him the longest
8 serving police chief in the history of the city; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Reidsville, Georgia, Chief Shuman has been in law enforcement for
10 40 years, beginning his distinguished career as a full-time correctional officer at Reidsville
11 and a part-time police officer; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States
13 Navy, valiantly and courageously serving in Vietnam; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as police chief, Chief Shuman was recognized with numerous
15 awards and honors, including December's OurTown Hero from the Swainsboro City Council
16 and a Purple Heart; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Shuman holds a law degree and teaches courses in criminal justice at East
18 Georgia College and serves as a speaker for the Gideons; and

19 WHEREAS, he has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
20 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
21 commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
23 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Chief Shuman and all local
24 law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Police Chief Johnny Shuman in carrying out
27 the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades, extend to him their utmost
28 appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant,
29 and congratulate him on the grand occasion of his retirement.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Police Chief Johnny Shuman.